

ARTICLE IV - PUBLIC JUNIOR COLLEGES

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of Three Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$3,870,000) for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1955, and the sum of Three Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$3,870,000) for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1956, to pay the amounts listed in Section 3 hereof to the Public Junior Colleges of Texas which meet the standards herein required.

There is also hereby appropriated for each of these fiscal years the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) to the Texas Central Education Agency and the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to the State Auditor for the necessary expense of carrying out the functions and responsibilities assigned to each by this Article.

Sec. 2. To be eligible for and to receive a share of this appropriation, a Public Junior College must be so certified by the Commissioner of Education in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education which shall give consideration to the following factors:

(a) The compliance by each Public Junior College participating in this appropriation with existing laws, rules, and regulations governing the establishment and maintenance of Public Junior Colleges;

(b) The minimum number of students for efficient operation, the size and quality of the instructional staff, the character of courses of study offered, the adequacy of physical facilities of instruction, and the adequacy of local financial support;

(c) The equivalency in the standards of instruction in the courses of study of each Public Junior College to the standards maintained in the accredited four-year State supported institutions of higher learning. Only such academic courses as are offered by one (1) or more of said four-year institutions and which meet such standards shall be counted in determining the number of full-time student equivalents for each eligible Public Junior College, "full-time student equivalent" being hereby defined as fifteen (15) semester hours.

The Texas Central Education Agency shall determine whether each eligible Public Junior College has complied with all the provisions of this Section; shall determine each College's list of approved courses; and shall certify its findings and such lists to the State Auditor not later than November 1st of each year.

Each Public Junior College shall make such reports to the Texas Central Education Agency as the Agency may require, classified in accordance with the rules and regulations issued by the Agency.

Sec. 3. (a) The sums appropriated herein shall be paid to the following Public Junior Colleges provided they have qualified under Section 2 above:

	For the Years Beginning September 1st, 1955 1956	
Alvin Junior College at Alvin	\$ 16,100	\$ 16,100
Amarillo Junior College at Amarillo	129,916	129,916
Blinn Junior College at Brenham	96,863	96,863
Cisco Junior College at Cisco	52,900	52,900

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Clarendon Junior College at Clarendon	\$ 39,100	\$ 39,100
Del Mar Junior College at Corpus Christi	209,769	209,769
Frank Phillips Junior College at Borger	63,250	63,250
Gainesville Junior College at Gainesville	20,700	20,700
Hardin Junior College at Midwestern University at Wichita Falls	170,498	170,498
Henderson County Junior College at Athens	82,955	82,955
Howard County Junior College at Big Spring	69,920	69,920
Kilgore Junior College at Kilgore	162,643	162,643
Laredo Junior College at Laredo	96,863	96,863
Lee Junior College at Baytown	95,227	95,227
Navarro County Junior College at Corsicana	98,827	98,827
Odessa Junior College at Odessa	121,408	121,408
Pan American Regional Junior College at Edinburg	160,679	160,679
Panola County Junior College at Carthage	41,400	41,400
Paris Junior College at Paris	96,863	96,863
Ranger Junior College at Ranger	111,590	111,590
San Angelo Junior College at San Angelo	125,500	125,500
San Antonio Junior College at San Antonio	350,491	350,491
Southwest Texas Joint Counties Junior College at Uvalde	34,500	34,500
Temple Junior College at Temple	57,040	57,040
Texarkana Junior College at Texarkana	142,680	142,680
Texas Southmost College at Brownsville	88,681	88,681

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Tyler Junior College at Tyler	\$237,095	\$237,095
University of Houston Junior College Division	645,520	645,520
Victoria Junior College at Victoria	99,482	99,482
Weatherford Junior College at Weatherford	47,150	47,150
Wharton County Junior College at Wharton	104,390	104,390

(b) The funds herein appropriated shall be disbursed to each of the qualifying Public Junior Colleges as follows:

One half (1/2) of the amount above appropriated on or about October 1st, and one half (1/2) on or about February 1st of each fiscal year.

Sec. 4. It is further provided that each participating Public Junior College shall:

(a) Prior to November 1st of each year collect in full as tuition from each student (except those who may be exempt by State law) that is to be counted for State aid purposes, the amount set as such by the respective governing boards; provided, however, that said tuition amounts shall not be less than those required under Article 2654c (or any subsequent amendments thereof) for State-supported institutions of higher learning, and provided further that valid contracts with the United States Government for instruction of eligible military personnel may be considered as collections hereunder but subject to adjustment after final payments thereof.

(b) Use a financial reporting system which has been approved by the State Auditor, and furnish him with such reports and information as he may require.

Sec. 5. The expenditure by a Public Junior College of any funds received by it under the provisions of this Article shall be limited to the payment of instructional salaries and the purchase of supplies and materials required for instructional purposes.

Sec. 6. The compliance of each Public Junior College with the requirements set forth in Sections 4 and 5 of this Article shall be ascertained by the State Auditor who shall also audit the pertinent books and records of each College to determine the number of full-time student equivalents taught in the Fall semester of each year of the biennium. His report shall show the number of full-time student equivalents taught by each College during each Fall semester and shall set forth for each College the number of semester hours taught in excess of eighteen (18) to any students, the number of hours taught to any students who have or thereafter will have in excess of sixty-four (64) total hours earned in this and any other accredited college, the number of hours taught to any students receiving the benefits of U. S. Public Law No. 346, 78th Congress, the number of hours taught to any students who did not pay before November 1st in that semester the tuition required under Section 4 (a) above, and the number of hours taught to any students in "off-campus" and/or extension classes, such "off-campus" and extension classes to be described in full detail. The State Auditor shall make his report to the Legislature and in particular to the Legislative Budget Board, the Executive Budget Director, and the Texas Central Education Agency.

Sec. 7. Vouchers for disbursement of the sums appropriated herein shall be prepared by the Texas Central Education Agency on the basis of the provisions in Section 3 (b) above, and the warrants issued in payment thereof shall be forwarded by said Agency to the Public Junior Colleges entitled to receive them. In submitting vouchers for disbursement of the funds herein appropriated, the Texas Central Education Agency shall certify to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts that each school listed has qualified and is entitled to receive such funds under the terms of this Article.

Sec. 8. Any deliberate falsification by any official or employee of any Public Junior College of the student enrollment records or the records of tuition payments and receipts whereby that College's share of Public Junior College State Aid has been or would be illegally increased, shall cause the withdrawal of all further financial aid provided under this Article. The State Auditor is hereby directed to report any instances which in his opinion constitute such falsification of records to the Legislative Audit Committee, and whenever the Committee finds, after giving the college adequate notice and fair hearing, that a deliberate and intentional falsification of records has occurred, the Committee shall certify its findings to the State Comptroller who shall deny payment of any further funds herein appropriated to such Public Junior College.